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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 1999, having a period for response set to expire on October 7, 1999.

The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 37-41 are pending. No new matter is presented in this Response.

Claims 37-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Fant (U.S. Patent No. 4,835,532). This rejection is respectfully traversed in light of the following remarks.

Claim 37 recites "displaying a three-dimensional shape model onto a two-dimensional plane, characterized in that a regular polyhedron containing therein whole or a part of the three-dimensional shape model is also displayed." As described in the specification, such a method as recited in claim 37 provides for directly performing transformations in all directions, obviates the operation of mode switching or the like and realizes an easily understandable operation screen, thereby providing for high sped and fully flexible operation